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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10618]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web: Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS 2018-0056" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.
- *E-mail:* RiversDA@state.gov
- <u>Regular Mail</u>: Send written comments to: U.S. Department of State,
 CA/OCS/PMO, SA-17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-1710

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

• FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Derek Rivers at SA-17, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20522-1710, who may be reached on 202-485-6332 or at RiversDA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- <u>Title of Information Collection</u>: Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0011
- Type of Request: Extension
- Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Overseas Citizens Services (CA/OCS)
- Form Number: DS-2029
- <u>Respondents</u>: United States Citizens and Nationals
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 73,647
- Estimated Number of Responses: 73,647
- Average Time Per Response: 20 minutes
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 24,549 hours
- Frequency: On occasion
- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

• Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this
 proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions
 used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The DS-2029, Application for Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America, is used by citizens of the United States to report the birth of a child while overseas. The information collected on this form will be used to certify the acquisition of U.S. citizenship at birth of a person born abroad. 22 CFR § 50.5-50.7 are important legal authorities that permit the Department to use this form.

Methodology

An application for a Consular Report of Birth is normally made in the consular district in which the birth occurred. The parent respondents will complete the form and present it to a United States Consulate or Embassy, who will examine the documentation and enter the information provided into the Department of State American Citizen Services (ACS) electronic database.

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